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B E F O R E: Melissa Mark-Viverito  
Speaker

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12 Eric A. Ulrich  
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A P P E A R A N C E S (CONTINUED)

Edward Baggett  
FDNY Chief

Christine Mazzola  
EMS-EMT Cheif

Pastor Patrick Henry Young  
First Baptist Church of East Elmhurst

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2 [sound check, pause]

3 [background comments, pause]

4 [gavel]

5 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Alright, I think  
6 we're going to get started. If our colleagues could...  
7 we have some more colleagues coming but those that  
8 are here, you could join us. It's always nice to  
9 show a united front on behalf of our first responders  
10 and we had a great proclamation that we did in the  
11 last Stated and another one that we're doing this  
12 Stated. This one is sponsored by Council Member and  
13 our Majority Leader Jimmy Van Bramer which is for a  
14 heroic effort where these firefighters saved a  
15 woman's life in Sunnyside, Queens and I'll leave it  
16 there and I'll have a majority leader explain the  
17 details, and again thank you all for being here and  
18 very much thank you for the service you do on behalf  
19 of all of us every day.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Thank you very  
21 much, Madam Speaker, and I'm going to ask all of the  
22 men and women to join us here. You can intermingle  
23 with all of the Members of the City Council as we get  
24 ready, but all of you come forward and obviously  
25 Cosgrove and Paglino stay close at hand, but all of

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2 the Members come in and join us. This is all about  
3 you including the Chiefs. I think we're going to ask  
4 the Chiefs to say a word after the Proclamation but  
5 that's ridiculously adorable. So thank you, Madam  
6 Speaker, and to all of my colleagues this is a City  
7 Council that very much appreciates the bravery and  
8 the sacrifice on behalf of the people of the City of  
9 New York by the members of the FDNY, the greatest  
10 fire department in the world. Thank you so much.  
11 And also our amazing EMS workers who are equally  
12 brave here in this incident, and I am really, really  
13 proud to sponsor this one because the heroism in this  
14 case came out of Woodside's own Mike McSweeny,  
15 Woodside's own Ladder 163, and EMS Station 45 and 46.  
16 And this is a story that gets told countless times,  
17 but it's worth repeating because of the bravery that  
18 this involved.

19 So on October 7th, a fire erupted in  
20 Sunnyside, Queens and at 4:51 a.m. the call went out.  
21 Ladder 163 and EMS-stations 45 and 46 responded.  
22 Firefighters Sean Cosgrove and Michael Paglino, here  
23 with their adorable children, quickly went to work  
24 locating those trapped inside the building. They  
25 rescued one adult and one child, but those people

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2 told them that there was one more person trapped in  
3 the fire. These brave men pushed past the flames to  
4 find a woman, Claudia Hernandez, face down and  
5 unconscious in the building. They carried her out  
6 into the hallway knowing they only had moments to  
7 spare to save her life. Captain Thomas Regan began  
8 administrating lifesaving CPR. Once outside, FDNY,  
9 EMS members from Station 45 and 46 initiated advanced  
10 medical care and transported Ms. Hernandez to a local  
11 hospital. Those involved in the operation included  
12 Lieutenant Kelly Boulter, Paramedic Peter Bilardello,  
13 Paramedic Christopher Taylor, EMT Jonathan Rotham,  
14 and EMT Ishmel Griffith. Let's give a big round of  
15 applause to all of those men and women.

16 [applause]

17 They brought the fire under control and  
18 Claudia Hernandez, who is a marathon runner, is alive  
19 today and has pledged to run in the 2017 Marathon  
20 wearing a t-shirt honoring those men and women who  
21 saved her life. So today I'm honored as your Council  
22 Member and this whole Council is united in thanking  
23 you and honoring every single one of you. There are  
24 so many of you here today which is great. Thank you  
25 so much, and now we'll have the reading of the

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2 Proclamation which is being held very closely by, I  
3 believe, Firefighter Paglino's son, right? Alright,  
4 the reading of the Proclamation.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council - City of New  
6 York Proclamation. The Council of the City of New  
7 York is proud to honor FDNY Ladder Company 163 and  
8 EMS-station 45 and 46 for their heroic lifesaving  
9 rescue in Sunnyside, Queens on October 7, 2016.

10 And whereas, in addition to being first  
11 responders to fires, the men and women of the FDNY  
12 are prepared to serve on the frontlines of public  
13 safety and medical emergencies, disasters and  
14 terrorist acts to protect the lives and property of  
15 New York City residents and visitors. New York's  
16 bravest respond to more than a million emergencies  
17 every year, and it is a privilege to honor these  
18 heroes and heroines for one of those emergencies on  
19 this occasion.

20 And whereas, at 4:51 a.m. on October 7,  
21 2016, someone called 911 to report a blaze at an  
22 apartment in Sunnyside. As the inferno ripped  
23 through the building, three unknowing residents were  
24 in very grave danger. Ladder Company 163 and EMS  
25 members from Station 45 and 46 rushed to the scene.

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2 And whereas, upon entering the blaze,  
3 Firefighters Sean Cosgrove and Firefighter Michael  
4 Paglino quickly went to work locating those trapped  
5 inside. They were able to rescue an adult and then a  
6 child to inform them that someone else was still in  
7 the apartment. The firefighters pushed past the  
8 flames to find an unconscious woman lying face down.  
9 Working together, they carried her into the hallway  
10 where knowing they only had moments to spare, Captain  
11 Thomas Regan began administering lifesaving CPR.

12 And whereas, once outside, FDNY, EMS  
13 members from Station 45 and 46 initiated advanced  
14 medical care and transported the woman to a local  
15 hospital. Those involved with this lifesaving  
16 operation included Lieutenant Kelly Boulter,  
17 Paramedic Peter Bilardello-Unit 45R, Paramedic  
18 Christopher Taylor-Unit 45R, EMT Jonathan Rotham-Unit  
19 49F, and EMT Ishmel Griffith-Unit 49F.

20 And whereas, while the fire was under  
21 control by 8:38 a.m., the gratitude for the valiant  
22 efforts of Ladder Company 163 will be felt for years  
23 to come. Because of their heroic teamwork, the woman  
24 is alive and well and she also plans to run in the  
25 New York Marathon with the names of each of the FDNY



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2 members in blazes on her shirt to thank them for  
3 saving her life.

4 Now therefore be it known that the  
5 Council of the City of New York gratefully honors  
6 members of FDNY Ladder Company 163 and EMS-station 45  
7 and 46 for their lifesaving efforts in the dangerous  
8 fire in Sunnyside, Queens on October 7, 2016.

9 Melissa Mark-Viverito, Speaker for the entire  
10 Council; Jimmy Van Bramer, Majority Leader 26th  
11 District Queens; Elizabeth Crowley, Chair-Fire and  
12 Criminal Justice Committee.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Alright, thank  
14 you very much.

15 [applause]

16 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Jeffrey, you know  
17 you have the most important job. We're holding the  
18 proclamation for your dad. So make sure you guard  
19 that, okay? Safeguard it really tight.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Thank you very  
21 much, Madam Speaker. Now we're going to hear from  
22 the two Chiefs to speak on behalf of all of the men  
23 and women who are here today. First, Chief Baggett,  
24 all of us in Queens know Chief Baggett. Everyone, a  
25 big round of applause for Chief Baggett.

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2 [applause]

3 CHIEF BAGGETT: I just would like to say  
4 thank you to the entire City Council for having the  
5 members of Ladder 163 and our EMTs and paramedics  
6 from Battalion 46, Battalion 45 here today. I can  
7 ensure you that the citizens of this city are well-  
8 served by the FDNY. We see this today and we've seen  
9 this recently over the last couple of weeks, some of  
10 the actions of our members. And I would like to say  
11 the best part of the story is Mrs. Hernandez, this  
12 could have been a very bad holiday for the Hernandez  
13 family, but this is probably going to be the most  
14 joyous holiday time that the Hernandez family will  
15 ever have, and it's thanks to these wonderful  
16 professionals here behind me, and I am proud to serve  
17 with each and every one of you. Thank you.

18 [applause]

19 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Thank you very  
20 much. And not to be outdone, Chief Christine  
21 Mazzola, representing all the EMS-EMT workers.

22 [applause]

23 CHIEF MAZZOLA: Thank you very much. I  
24 just want to say exactly what Chief Baggett  
25 mentioned. I'm very proud of all the members that we

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2 work together to make this happen for the family. It  
3 was just amazing that she is able to walk away and  
4 run in the next marathon. Just outstanding. I want  
5 to thank the Council and I want to thank all of our  
6 members here today working together and I really  
7 appreciate it. We're here for you here in Queens.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Great.

9 Everyone squeeze together for one big family photo,  
10 one big family photo.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK: Ladies and Gentlemen,

12 can I have your attention please? Quiet on the floor  
13 please, quiet on the floor please. Please place all  
14 electronic devices to vibrate. Will all non-Council  
15 employees please leave the main floor of the  
16 Chambers? We have additional seating upstairs in the  
17 balcony. Thank you.

18 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Please close those  
19 doors. All members take their seats. All members  
20 take their seats please. All rise for the Pledge of  
21 Allegiance. Quiet in the Chambers.

22 [Pledge of Allegiance]

23 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Please be seated.  
24 Roll call.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK: Barron?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Present.

3 COMMITTEE CLERK: Borelli? Cabrera?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Here.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK: Chin?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Here.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Cohen?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: Here.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK: Constantinides?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: Here.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK: Cornegy? Crowley?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Here.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Cumbo? Deutsch?

14 Dickens? Dromm?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Present.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Espinal? Eugene?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Present.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Ferreras-Copeland?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS-COPELAND: Here.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Garodnick? Gentile?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Here.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Gibson?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Present.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Greenfield?

25 Grodenchik? Johnson?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER JOHNSON: Here.

3 COMMITTEE CLERK: Kallos? King? Koo?

4 Koslowitz?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Here.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK: Lancman?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: Here.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Lander?

9 Levin? Espinal?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: Here.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Levine?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Here.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Maisel? Mealy?

14 Menchaca?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Presente.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Mendez? Palma?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Here.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: Reynoso? Richards?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Present.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Rodriguez? Lander?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Here.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Reynoso?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Here.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK: Kallos?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Here.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK: Rose?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Here.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK: Rosenthal?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Here.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK: Salamanca?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Present.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK: Torres? Treyger?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Here.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Ulrich? Vacca?

11 Vallone?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Here.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: Williams?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Here.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Wills? Gibson?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Yes.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Koo?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Present.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Maisel?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Here.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK: Matteo? Van Bramer.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Here.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK: Speaker Mark-Viverito?

24 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you. All

25 quiet in the chambers. Please rise for the

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2 Invocation. The Invocation will be delivered by  
3 Pastor Patrick Henry Young from the First Baptist  
4 Church in the great borough of Queens located in East  
5 Elmhurst, Queens.

6 PASTOR PATRICK HENRY YOUNG: Let us pray.

7 Eternal Father in which we breathe and have our being  
8 because of You, we humbly pause at this time to give  
9 thanks for life and living. On this day, the Elected  
10 Body of New York City and citizens of this City as  
11 well as State gather to take on the work and affairs  
12 of this City. Give these elected leaders wisdom and  
13 understanding as they embark to do what is fair and  
14 just for the people of this city. Let them not be  
15 intoxicated with their own agendas and forgetting  
16 their commitment to serve others who are relying on  
17 their commitment to help and aid the communities in  
18 which they are called to serve. Bless them and keep  
19 them as they endeavor to do what is right for the  
20 citizens of New York City and may Your face shine  
21 upon them and give them peace. Amen.

22 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Please be seated.

23 The motion to spread the Invocation. Council Member  
24 Ferreras-Copeland. Quiet in the Chambers please.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS-COPELAND: I just  
3 wanted to take this opportunity to thank Pastor  
4 Patrick Henry Young. I hope you all got a glimpse of  
5 what an incredible leadership he is through his  
6 Invocation today and I'm very lucky to have him  
7 pastor First Baptist Church in Queens in my District  
8 so thank you very much, Pastor, for being here.  
9 Motion to spread the Invocation in full upon the  
10 record.

11 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you, Council  
12 Member, and thank you, Pastor. Adoption of minutes?

13 COMMITTEE CLERK: None.

14 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Messages and  
15 papers from the Mayor?

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: None.

17 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Communication from  
18 City, County and Borough offices?

19 COMMITTEE CLERK: M 0461 recommending  
20 Maria R. Guastella to the Board of Elections.

21 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Rules, Privileges  
22 and Elections?

23 COMMITTEE CLERK: M 0462 recommending  
24 Jeanine R. Johnson to the Board of Elections.

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2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Petitions and  
3 Communications?

4 COMMITTEE CLERK: None.

5 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Land Use Call-Ups?

6 COMMITTEE CLERK: None.

7 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: May we have quiet  
8 in the Chambers please? Quiet in the Chambers. And  
9 now we'll hear from the Speaker Mark-Viverito.

10 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Thank you, Madam  
11 Public Advocate. I want to begin today by  
12 acknowledging two New Yorkers who were lost this  
13 week. Alastacia Bryan, an officer in the New York  
14 City Correctional System was tragically gunned down  
15 while off duty Sunday night. Officer Bryan worked at  
16 the Anna M. Kross Center, a mental health facility,  
17 on Rikers Island. Our thoughts are with her and her  
18 family and definitely hope that the individual that  
19 took her life is quickly brought to justice.

20 On Sunday night we also lost Jack Rudin,  
21 a long time leader in the New York labor community  
22 and a founder of the Association for a Better New  
23 York. Jack was 92 years old and had contributed much  
24 of his life to seeing this city prosper. Our  
25 thoughts are also with him and his family.

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2 On October 27th we hosted Chairman Dave  
3 Archambault II and passed a resolution calling on  
4 President Obama to reroute the Dakota Access Pipeline  
5 away from the lands of his tribe, the Standing Rock  
6 Sioux. As many of you are fully aware, I am happy to  
7 update this Council that this past Sunday the Army  
8 Corps of Engineers announced that it would be denying  
9 the easement needed to begin construction of a key  
10 section of the pipeline. This is a great victory for  
11 the Standing Rock Sioux, for many First Nations  
12 people and all of us who have stood in support of  
13 them throughout this ordeal. We're hoping that this  
14 decision remains moving forward.

15 In other celebratory news, I want to also  
16 congratulate our own Kevin Penn. Kevin, say hi to  
17 everybody, that's him in the front, who begins Fire  
18 Academy training on Monday. We were just here  
19 recognizing our firefighters. We appreciate your  
20 commitment to this Council, your years of service  
21 here with us, Kevin, and know that you are going to  
22 continue serving this great city on behalf of all of  
23 us with our bravest. So thank you very much and good  
24 luck with that.

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2 And finally, tomorrow marks the 75th  
3 anniversary on the attack on Pearl Harbor. New York  
4 City is home to quite a number of veterans, and I  
5 want to take this moment to repeat the Council's  
6 commitment to ensuring that the sacrifices of our men  
7 and women in uniform do not go unacknowledged.  
8 Especially in times like today with the deplorable  
9 rise in hate crimes around the city and around the  
10 country, it is important to remember that peace and  
11 acceptance among all of us is paramount.

12 So moving on to the legislative agenda  
13 for today. The first package the Council will be  
14 voting on includes two bills to establish reporting  
15 requirements for particular educational programs in  
16 city schools. Intro 1193-A sponsored by Council  
17 Members Mark Levine and Carlos Menchaca would require  
18 the Department of Education to annually report on  
19 information regarding computer science programs  
20 offered to students in grades K-12. This would  
21 require reporting in several areas including the  
22 number of computer science programs offered to  
23 students, type of programs offered, number and  
24 percentage of students enrolled in the programs and  
25 number of designated full-time and part-time

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2 Certified STEM instructors at each school. The Bill  
3 would further require that student level data be  
4 disaggregated by demographic info, special education  
5 status, community school district grade level,  
6 eligibility for free and reduced price lunch program,  
7 and English language learner status. Council Members  
8 Levine and Menchaca will speak to this Bill. Let's  
9 start off with Council Member Levine.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Thank you, Madam  
11 Speaker. The tech industry is booming in New York  
12 City. Now providing 300,000 jobs but so many of  
13 those are going to people who move here from out of  
14 town, and I'm glad that the best talent on Earth  
15 wants to come live in New York City, but I know that  
16 there are thousands of New Yorkers, kids in every  
17 neighborhood of the city, that if they just had the  
18 opportunity to build skills around coding and  
19 computer science would be able to access those jobs  
20 and thrive in tech careers. But we are a long, long  
21 way from providing that opportunity to the great  
22 majority of kids in our city. Today only 10 percent  
23 of schools in the public school system offer computer  
24 science, and only one percent of students are taking  
25 computer science classes in any given year. That is

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2 simply not acceptable. We are gratified by the  
3 Mayor's plan to get to full coverage of all students  
4 by the year 2025, but we want to do it as quickly as  
5 possible and we want to track our progress, and our  
6 bill will allow us for the first time to track how  
7 many students are getting computer science every year  
8 in what schools, what is the teaching force like, and  
9 how close are we to the goal of every child having  
10 the 21st Century skills they need. I want to thank  
11 my partner in this effort, Council Member Menchaca.  
12 I want to thank the Speaker and the amazing central  
13 staff who supported this project. Of course, I also  
14 want to thank Chairman Dromm for pushing this through  
15 this Committee so expeditiously. Thank you.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Thank you

17 Speaker and my partner on this incredible initiative,  
18 Council Member Levine. In my Brooklyn district, Red  
19 Hook and Sunset Park, parents have long demanded more  
20 computer science education for their children. You  
21 saw that when we looked at the participatory  
22 budgeting projects. The first year I became a  
23 Council Member most of the money went in to bring  
24 computers into classrooms. The votes that came in  
25 were coming in from our high school students and our

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2 parents. They want this education. In a chronically  
3 overcrowded school system like in Sunset Park and so  
4 many of your districts, students need every advantage  
5 we can provide to them, and I know that this is true  
6 in your districts to all the Council Members. The  
7 Mayor has committed to ensuring that all the City's  
8 public schools will offer computer science education  
9 within 10 years. Progress reporting on this  
10 commitment will allow us to monitor progress towards  
11 the important goal. It also allows us to ensure that  
12 students alright benefiting from this effort in  
13 places where the need is the greatest. Now more than  
14 ever we need to be smart advocates for our  
15 constituents. This reporting bill allows us to  
16 evaluate the progress based on dollars sent. We  
17 thank the Administration for prioritizing this  
18 computer science programming at all schools, and I  
19 thank again my partner Council Member Levine and the  
20 Speaker as we move this initiative forward. Thank  
21 you.

22 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Thank you to both  
23 of you. The second bill is Introduction 1099-A  
24 sponsored by Council Member Mark Treyger which would  
25 require the DOE to annually report on career and

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2 technical education programs in the city. The bill  
3 would require reporting in several areas including  
4 the number and types of CTE schools and programs  
5 available to students, the number of full-time and  
6 part-time Certified CTE instructors at each high  
7 school, the number and percentage of students who  
8 listed a CTE-designated high school as their first  
9 and second choice in the high school application  
10 process, the four- and six-year graduation rates for  
11 CTE-designated high schools, and the number of staff  
12 in each CTE school or program who receive  
13 professional development from the DOE related to CTE.  
14 The bill would further require that student level  
15 data be disaggregated by demographic info, special  
16 education status, community school district,  
17 eligibility for the free and reduced price lunch  
18 program, and English language learner status. For  
19 both on these I want to thank the staff, Smita  
20 Deshmukh, Elizabeth Huffman and Aisha Schaumberg.  
21 Council Member Mark Treyger, again, is the sponsor of  
22 this bill, and he will say a few words.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Thank you

24 Speaker. Colleagues, I respectfully encourage you to  
25 vote in favor of Intro 1099-A, a Local Law which

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2 would require the Department of Education to report  
3 data about the availability and usage of high quality  
4 career and technical education instruction in our  
5 high schools. Dedicated CTE high schools, CTE  
6 programs and Certified CTE instructors all provide  
7 vital educational flexibility for our high school  
8 students. While growing numbers of students choose  
9 to pursue four-year post-secondary degrees, we also  
10 need to support the educational goals of students who  
11 may not see four-year college as part of their  
12 immediate post-secondary career and educational  
13 plans, particularly given the increasingly  
14 prohibitive costs of college tuition. Many CTE  
15 programs allow students to take college level courses  
16 and innovative partnerships like the Pathways in  
17 Technology Early College High School open up the  
18 potential for CTE students to graduate high school  
19 with an associate's degree. Following the input of  
20 advocates at the bill's initial hearing, it has been  
21 expanded to include greater demographic  
22 disaggregation as well as information on professional  
23 and development resources accessed by CTE faculty.  
24 The annual report mandated by 1099-A will enable us  
25 to better understand the landscape of career and



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2 technical education in our city and will help us  
3 better target our resources towards programs that  
4 provide high school students with meaningful skills  
5 and pathways to high wage 21st Century careers.  
6 Again, the data in this report will be a starting  
7 point for further advocacy to better connect our  
8 students with real world skills and career  
9 opportunities. I'd like to thank Speaker Melissa  
10 Mark-Viverito for her support, the support of the  
11 Education Committee Chair Danny Dromm, Laura Popa,  
12 Matt Gewald, all the Education Committee staff for  
13 their assistance, particularly Committee Counsel  
14 Smita Deshmukh. I'd like to also thank my staff Anna  
15 Scathe and Ethan Westig as well as the UFT, Jobs  
16 First NYC, and the many advocates and partners whose  
17 feedback and insights have shaped this bill. I once  
18 again ask all my colleagues to please vote in favor  
19 of 1099-A. Thank you.

20 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Thank you. The  
21 second legislative package being voted on by the  
22 Council today deals with our ongoing commitment to a  
23 just and equitable criminal justice system. The  
24 first bill in this package which I sponsored is Intro  
25 1260-A. Approximately 7,800 warrants are issued

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2 every year for people who are already in jail at the  
3 time the warrant is ordered. This is because the  
4 court system has no automated mechanism in place for  
5 identifying these individuals who are in custody. In  
6 other words, thousands of people each year are being  
7 burdened with all the terrible consequences of an  
8 open criminal warrant for what amounts to  
9 bureaucratic mistake. Even if the courts are made  
10 aware and do not needlessly order warrants, the  
11 consequence of not automatically transporting inmates  
12 to all their court appearances can adversely affect  
13 district attorneys and can also cause defendants to  
14 lose jail time credit to which they are entitled,  
15 possibly causing inmates to be incarcerated longer  
16 than is necessary. This legislation would address  
17 these issues by creating a process to identify and  
18 produce defendants who hold outstanding warrants and  
19 open court dates eliminating the calamitous  
20 consequences of erroneous warrants making our court  
21 system more efficient for all stakeholders and  
22 insuring that criminal defendants receive jail credit  
23 for the time they are actually in jail.

24 The second item in this package which I  
25 also sponsored is Intro 1261-A, and it addresses

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2 issues related to cash bail in criminal cases. It  
3 has been well publicized that Judges often set bail  
4 at small amounts, often as little as a few hundred  
5 dollars, and that the clear majority of criminal  
6 defendants cannot afford to post even these modest  
7 amounts of bail. For those who do have the financial  
8 means to post bail, even bail of a few hundred  
9 dollars represents a significant financial  
10 commitment. Right now our city collects a three  
11 percent fee on this bail, even if the individual  
12 makes all of their court dates. This fee is  
13 collected if the defendant is convicted of any  
14 offense, including non-criminal offenses such as a  
15 traffic ticket. Collecting this fee does not serve  
16 the purpose of bail which is to ensure the  
17 defendant's appearance in court and constitutes what  
18 is essentially a tax on the poor. This legislation  
19 would amend this practice by allowing the Department  
20 of Finance to waive their collection of the three  
21 percent fee.

22 And our last piece of legislation in this  
23 package, which I also sponsored, pertains to the use  
24 of uniforms in city jails. The Department of  
25 Corrections only recently began housing pretrial

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2 detainees in uniforms, and despite the Department's  
3 best intentions, this practice had led to repeated  
4 instances of inmates testifying before grand juries  
5 in uniforms. This city cannot and should not  
6 tolerate any instance of any individual's  
7 Constitutional right to the presumption of innocence  
8 being undermined by a correctional practice,  
9 especially when the clear majority of those whose  
10 rights are undermined are being incarcerated solely  
11 because they are too poor to afford bail. This bill  
12 would also rectify another unintended consequence of  
13 the DOC's uniform policy, which has been that  
14 individuals who are released at courthouses are  
15 released onto our city streets wearing a correctional  
16 uniform. This practice is quite simply humiliating  
17 and inhumane, especially in the cold winter months.  
18 Introduction 1262-A sponsored by myself would require  
19 all defendants to be produced for trial and grand  
20 jury appearances in their personal clothing and would  
21 require the Department of Correction to provide  
22 appropriate civilian clothing for those inmates with  
23 no appropriate personal clothing available. The bill  
24 would also require the Department of Correction to  
25 provide weather appropriate civilian clothing to

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2 inmates released from court appearances. So I'm  
3 proud to sponsor all three of these bills which  
4 continue our Council's efforts to reform our criminal  
5 justice system. I want to thank the staff, Laura  
6 Popa, Rob Callandra, Brian Crow, Zepa Ambecar and  
7 Will Hungetch, and before we move on to our final  
8 legislative item, I want to take a moment to go over  
9 a couple of Land Use proposals that the Council will  
10 be voting on at today's session. First, the City  
11 Council will vote to approve a site selection  
12 acquisition and construction by the New York City  
13 School Construction Authority of a new public middle  
14 school in the East Hurst area of Queens. For the  
15 staff, I want to thank John Douglas and Dylan Casey.  
16 The proposed construction is located in Council  
17 Member Julissa Ferreras-Copeland's District, so I'm  
18 going to let her speak on this great victory for  
19 public schools in Queens which I know is a severely  
20 overcrowded district. Julissa.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS-COPELAND: Thank  
22 you, Madam Speaker. I am very pleased to have  
23 construction of a new middle school in my district  
24 which we've been advocating for for years approved by  
25 today the Land Use Committee. I wanted to thank all

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2 the members of the Land Use Committee and the Chair.  
3 For anyone who knows the challenges in my community  
4 in Queens, they know that overcrowded schools are at  
5 the top of the list. Since before I became Council  
6 Member I've been working with concerned parents,  
7 teachers, the DOE, and the School Construction  
8 Authority to find land on which to build new schools  
9 that was so urgently needed. We've canvassed every  
10 crevice in the District, and throughout all these  
11 years we've never once stopped believing that every  
12 student deserves a beautiful, safe and adequate space  
13 to learn. This is the eighth school that we have  
14 been able to build in the last six years that is huge  
15 and in no small part due to the parents and community  
16 leaders who have remained steadfast in this fight. I  
17 would like to thank the School Construction Authority  
18 for visiting every site I threw at them and  
19 exhausting all their resources to find space to build  
20 school seats. Thank you as well to Council Member  
21 Greenfield, Council Member Koo, and the Land Use  
22 Committee and the Subcommittee on Landmarks, Public  
23 Siding and Marie Tammy (SP?) for moving this along so  
24 quickly. The families in my District cannot wait to  
25 take their tweens to school close to home where their

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2 teachers can focus their energies appropriately and  
3 also to Council Member Dromm who has been in this  
4 fight with me every step of the way. Thank you.

5 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Thank you, Council  
6 Member. And the second proposal up for vote is the  
7 acquisition by School Construction Authority of a new  
8 180-seat prekindergarten facility in the Gowanus area  
9 of Brooklyn. For staff, I want to thank Brian Paul  
10 and Dylan Casey. This facility is located in Council  
11 Member Lander's District, so if he wants to say a few  
12 words I will invite him to say a few words.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Thank you, Madam  
14 Speaker. Obviously we're very excited about the  
15 construction of a new 180-seat pre-K facility in the  
16 Gowanus section of my District. Substantial school  
17 overcrowding, need for more pre-K seats, fantastic to  
18 get this new facility. There were some issues raised  
19 at the hearing. We need to do the excavation here  
20 carefully and make sure that if there's any  
21 historical artifacts, this part of Brooklyn was part  
22 of the Battle of Brooklyn and we're going to make  
23 sure anything that's found there is taken care of in  
24 exactly the appropriate manner and the SCA had a lot  
25 of good answers about that, but we're super excited

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2 for those new 180 pre-K seats and I thank my  
3 colleagues for supporting it.

4 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Thank you, Council  
5 Member. The final legislative item that the Council  
6 will be voting on today follows up on an oversight  
7 hearing the Council held earlier this year that  
8 revealed a number of deficiencies in the City's  
9 procedures and policies for the lifting of deed  
10 restrictions. New York City Law state valuable  
11 community asset on a series of missteps by City Hall  
12 and the Department of Citywide Administrative  
13 Services allowed Remington House, a nursing home  
14 serving persons with HIV and AIDS in the Lower East  
15 Side to be converted to luxury housing as part of a  
16 lucrative real estate deal. Today's legislation  
17 would implement a more stringent review process for  
18 deed modification reviews going forward. Intro 1182-  
19 A sponsored by Council Member Margaret Chin by  
20 request of Manhattan Borough President Gail Brewer  
21 would set forth detailed standards and procedures  
22 DCAS would follow when a property owner requests that  
23 deed restrictions be modified or removed, including a  
24 requirement that three separate entities DCAS, a  
25 specially formed committee of administration



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2 officials and the Mayor all independently review a  
3 request before a restriction can be lifted. During  
4 their review, DCAS would work with the Department of  
5 City Planning to conduct a Land Use analysis and  
6 assess a set of factors to determine if granting the  
7 request would be in the best interest of the city.  
8 The public and elected officials including community  
9 boards would be updated throughout the process and  
10 have an opportunity to comment at a public hearing  
11 held in their community. Following DCAS approval,  
12 the Committee would then separately assess the  
13 request along with the preliminary DCAS  
14 recommendation and any public feedback received  
15 during the review process. Final approval would then  
16 come from the Mayor using DCAS and Committee reports  
17 as guidance. I want to thank the staff that worked  
18 on this, Kelly Taylor, Rob Newman, Julie Louvin and  
19 Dylan Casey. Council Member Chin has shown  
20 incredible leadership on this issue that has plagued  
21 her district for the better part of this year, and I  
22 invite her to speak on this impressive review process  
23 she has helped us usher in. Council Member Chin.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Thank you, Madam  
25 Speaker. Good afternoon. Today we vote to she'd

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2 light on a broken process that allow a Lower East  
3 Side community facility to slip through the City's  
4 grasp. Remington House has always been an integral  
5 part of this community. When the HIV/AIDS epidemic  
6 hit New York City, healthcare providers were hard  
7 pressed to find a neighborhood to care and shelter  
8 these affected with the disease. Residents of the  
9 Lower East Side welcomed people with HIV/AIDS at  
10 Remington House with open arms and continued to do so  
11 for years after it opened. As advancement in modern  
12 medicine extended the lives of people living with  
13 HIV/AIDS, the need for hospice care declined. When  
14 the Allure Group bought the facility in 2015 after  
15 assuring neighbors that it would operate a nursing  
16 home, we had high hopes for a similar sense of  
17 community. Unfortunately, that was not the case.  
18 The Allure Group took advantage of a trusting  
19 community and an inadequate system to make millions  
20 of dollars in profit. With the passage of Intro  
21 1182-A, this City Council can assure that this will  
22 never happen again to any other community. Manhattan  
23 Borough President Gail Brewer and I introduced this  
24 bill to make sure we have a clear public process and  
25 criteria in cases where the removal of a deed

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2 restriction is necessary and will benefit the city  
3 and local community. This bill allows for community  
4 to have a voice in the process by requiring public  
5 hearings and the creation of a searchable database of  
6 properties with deed restriction allowing everyday  
7 New Yorkers to access this important information.  
8 Most importantly, Intro 1182-A will require the Mayor  
9 to personally approve the lifting of a deed  
10 restriction. While Intro 1182-A will not bring  
11 Remington House back to the community that welcomed,  
12 foster and sustained it, our bill will empower  
13 Council Members, community leaders and residents to  
14 prevent the loss of precious community assets through  
15 the removal of deed restrictions. I want to make one  
16 thing clear. Our community is not giving up on  
17 Remington House. Today I join hundreds of Lower East  
18 Side residents who have shared their stories and  
19 signed a petition demanding the return of Remington  
20 House to the elderly and the sick who need safe and  
21 affordable housing, not luxury condos. I want to  
22 thank our Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito, Chair of the  
23 Government Operation Committee Council Member Kallos,  
24 and Chair of the Government Oversight Committee  
25 Council Member Gentile for their leadership. I also

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2 want to thank Manhattan Borough President Gail  
3 Brewer, Council Members Mendez, Levine and Lander for  
4 their support on this legislation, and finally I want  
5 to thank the staff, Ramone Martinez, Rob Newman,  
6 Kelly Taylor, Smita Deshmukh, as well as Roxanne  
7 Early and Vincent Fang in my office for their hard  
8 work on this legislation, and I urge my colleague to  
9 vote for Intro 1182-A.

10 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Thank you, Council  
11 Member. And finally, the Council will vote on  
12 Resolution 1321, sponsored by myself, Council Member  
13 Brad Lander, and Council Member Menchaca affirming  
14 that despite President-Elect Donald Trump's senseless  
15 threats, New York City will remain a sanctuary city  
16 for immigrant residents. New York City has been at  
17 the forefront of providing vital services to the  
18 immigrant community despite the lack of immigration  
19 reform on a national level. Rhetoric from the  
20 President-Elect has had many in the city's immigrant  
21 communities fearful. This Resolution reaffirms that  
22 our policies and laws we've implemented in this city  
23 will continue and we will continue to support and  
24 provide sanctuary for our immigrant community. I  
25 will ask Council Member Menchaca as Chair of the

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2 Committee and one of the lead sponsors to say a few  
3 words, and if Council Member Brad Lander would like  
4 to say a few words as well.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Thank you,  
6 Speaker. And I am so proud today to be here as co-  
7 prime sponsor for this Pre-considered Resolution  
8 1321, which boldly affirms that despite President-  
9 Elect Donald Trump's senseless threats, New York City  
10 will remain a sanctuary city for immigrant New  
11 Yorkers. Now this message is not a new message for  
12 the City Council. We have done so much and this  
13 resolution, if you read it, will outline the  
14 incredible work we've done on policies, legislation,  
15 and budget, and we're going to continue to affirm  
16 that. New York City, like other sanctuary cities  
17 across the country, will help lead the resistance  
18 movement against hate and discrimination towards our  
19 immigrant communities. It will be our municipalities  
20 that will define progressive victories for this next  
21 chapter of American history. It is our right as a  
22 city to protect our New York immigrant families, and  
23 it is the right thing to do. Not just because it's  
24 good for our continued economic and cultural  
25 vibrancy, but simply because it's the humane thing to

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2 do. We are ready and willing to do everything within  
3 our power as elected officials to protect our New  
4 York immigrant families and we are not alone. Every  
5 individual New Yorker's commitment to one another is  
6 what makes New York City what it is and I am  
7 emboldened, I am emboldened to stand strong with our  
8 neighbors who are fighting for their rights despite  
9 this tremendous fear. We stand, we stand together,  
10 and when we fight, we will fight together. Thank  
11 you.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Thank you Chair  
13 Menchaca and Speaker Mark-Viverito. Your leadership  
14 on this issue, both here in New York City and  
15 nationally, is truly a treasure. We stand here today  
16 in the rotunda of this City Hall in this city that  
17 has always been an immigrant city and this city that  
18 welcomed religious refugees from the Netherlands and  
19 from England, in this city that welcomed Irish and  
20 Italian immigrants, in this city that welcomed my  
21 Jewish immigrant forbearers, and it is a city today  
22 that is standing up and welcoming and protecting  
23 immigrants. There is no New York City value greater  
24 than welcoming immigrants, welcoming refugees, and  
25 building an inclusive democracy out of that, and

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2 that's why this Resolution is so important. We are  
3 affirming our deep New York values and we are  
4 standing up with other cities and states. Yesterday  
5 California introduced a great package of legislation  
6 to make sure that whole state will protect its  
7 immigrant residents. On Election Day I was in  
8 Kensington in the Bangladeshi community in my  
9 District with a group of young people, almost all  
10 young Muslim Bangladeshi students, and we were doing  
11 a little primer on what the election is about, and I  
12 asked them, you know, what is democracy? And this  
13 one kid, a third grader at Public School 230 in  
14 Kensington said "Democracy is when we look out for  
15 each other," and that's what I'm proud this City  
16 Council is doing today. Thank you.

17 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Thank you, Council  
18 Member. And with that, communication from the  
19 Speaker.

20 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you. Now  
21 general orders and members to vote. Council Member  
22 Rodriguez to vote? Council Member Johnson to vote?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER JOHNSON: I'd like to vote  
24 on all items on the General Order calendar.

25 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER JOHNSON: I vote Aye.

3 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

4 Council Member Salamanca to vote?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: With  
6 permission, I'd like to vote on all coupled General  
7 Orders and Resolutions, and I vote Aye.

8 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Council Member  
9 Rosenthal to vote?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: With  
11 permission, I'd like to vote on all coupled General  
12 Orders and Resolutions. I vote Aye.

13 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes, thank you.  
14 Council Member Lancman?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: With permission,  
16 I'd like to vote on all coupled General Orders and  
17 Resolutions and I vote Aye.

18 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Council Member  
19 Dromm?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: With permission,  
21 I'd like to vote Aye on all items on the General  
22 Calendar Order as well.

23 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you. Seeing  
24 none other. Report of Special Committees. Oh,  
25 Council Member... Report of Special Committees?



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2 COMMITTEE CLERK: None.

3 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Reports of  
4 Standing Committees?

5 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee  
6 on Education Intro 1099-A Technical Education  
7 Program?

8 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Amended and  
9 coupled on General Orders.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Intro 1193-A, Computer  
11 Science Education?

12 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Amended and  
13 coupled on General Orders.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee  
15 on Fire and Criminal Justice Services, Intro 1260-A,  
16 Transporting Inmates.

17 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Amended and  
18 coupled on General Orders.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Intro 1261-A, Waiver of  
20 Bail Fees?

21 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Amended and  
22 coupled on General Orders.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK: Intro 1262-A, Uniforms  
24 for Court Appearances.

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2 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Amended and  
3 coupled on General Orders.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee  
5 on Governmental Operations, Intro 1182-A, Deed  
6 Restrictions.

7 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Amended and  
8 coupled on General Orders.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK: Report of the Committee  
10 on Land Use, LU506 through 511, Hudson River Park.

11 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Approved with  
12 modifications and referred to the City Planning  
13 Commission pursuant to Rule 11.70-B of the Rules of  
14 the Council and Section 197-D of the New York City  
15 Charter.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: LU525 and Res 1326, HPD  
17 Application.

18 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Coupled on General  
19 Orders.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: LU530 and Res 1327,  
21 Zoning Map Amendment.

22 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Coupled on General  
23 Orders.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK: LU533 and Res 1328 and  
25 LU534 and Res 1329, Public School Facilities.

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2 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Coupled on General  
3 Orders.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK: LU535 and Res 1330  
5 through LU539 and Res 1334, Private Housing Finance  
6 Law.

7 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Coupled on General  
8 Orders.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK: On the General Order  
10 calendar, Resolution appointing various persons,  
11 Commissioner of Deeds.

12 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Coupled on General  
13 Orders, and at this time I ask for a roll call on all  
14 items that are coupled on the General Order calendar.

15 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Quiet in the  
16 Chambers please.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Barron?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I vote Aye.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Borelli?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Aye on all except  
21 Intro 1261 and 1262.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Cabrera?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye on all.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK: Chin?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye on all.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK: Cohen?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: I vote Aye.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK: Constantinides?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES:

6 Congratulations to all my colleagues passing bills  
7 today. I vote Aye.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK: Cornegy?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Aye on all.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Crowley?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Aye on all.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Cumbo?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Aye on all.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Deutsch?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: No on 1261-A; Aye  
16 on the rest.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Espinal?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER ESPINAL: I vote Aye on  
19 all.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK: Eugene?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: I vote Aye.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK: Ferreras-Copeland?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER FERRERAS-COPELAND: I vote  
24 Aye on all.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK: Gentile?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: With  
3 congratulations to all my colleagues, especially  
4 Margaret Chin on the Deed Restriction bill that she's  
5 passing today, I vote Aye on all.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK: Gibson?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Aye on all.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK: Grodenchik?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Aye.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Kallos?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Permission to  
12 explain my vote?

13 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Yes.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: I want to thank  
15 Council Member Chin for leading the fight on  
16 Remington, Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito for calling  
17 for a hearing on Remington, and the immense amounts  
18 of Central Staff time and support led by Kelly  
19 Taylor, and of course Co-Chair at the hearing Council  
20 Member Vinnie Gentile. I'm incredibly proud to vote  
21 Aye in favor of the legislation around deed  
22 restrictions, and I also want to congratulate Council  
23 Members Treyger and Levine around reporting for CTEs  
24 and of course my favorite Computer Science Education.

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2 Maybe I'll go teach some computer science classes one  
3 day. I vote Aye on all.

4 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Thank you.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK: Koo?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye on all.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Koslowitz?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye on all.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK: Lander?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: I vote Aye.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK: Levin?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye on all and Aye  
13 on all Land Use Call-ups.

14 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Thank you.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK: Levine?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Aye on all.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Maisel?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Yes.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Menchaca?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Aye on all.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK: Mendez?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Aye on all.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK: Palma?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Aye on all.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Aye on all.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK: Richards?

3 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Aye on all.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK: Rose?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK: Treyger?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Aye.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK: Ulrich? Vacca?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Aye.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK: Vallone?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Aye.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Williams?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Aye on all.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK: Matteo?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO? No, on 1261 and  
16 1262; Aye on the rest.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK: Van Bramer?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye on all.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Speaker Mark-Viverito?

20 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: I vote Aye.

21 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you. All  
22 items on today's General Order calendar were adopted  
23 by a vote of 41 in the affirmative, zero negative and  
24 zero abstentions with the exception of Intro 1261-A,  
25 which was adopted by a vote of 38 in the affirmative,

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2 three in the negative, and zero abstentions, and  
3 Intro 1262-A which was adopted by a vote of 39 in the  
4 affirmative, two in the negative and zero  
5 abstentions. And now introduction and reading of  
6 bills.

7 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: All bills are  
8 referred to Committees as indicated on the agenda.

9 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: And now discussion  
10 of Resolutions beginning with Resolution 1290, which  
11 reads as follows. A resolution calling upon the  
12 Secretary of the Department Homeland Security to  
13 grant Haiti a new designation for temporary protected  
14 status to provide temporary immigration relief to  
15 eligible Haitian nationals in the United States as  
16 well as to stop the detention and repatriation of  
17 Haitian nationals ineligible for immigration relief  
18 in the wake of Hurricane Matthew. We will begin with  
19 Council Member Eugene.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Thank you very  
21 much, Madam Public Advocate. My colleagues, I stand  
22 before you today to ask for your support of  
23 Resolution 1290 calling on the Secretary of  
24 Department of Homeland Security to grant Haiti a new  
25 designation of Temporary Protected Status that will



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2 provide temporary immigration relief to eligible  
3 Haitian nationals in the United States. This  
4 Resolution is an aid to prevent detention and the  
5 repatriation of Haitian nationals who are in dire  
6 need of humanity and assistance due to the horrific  
7 devastation of the last hurricane in Haiti. As you  
8 know, since 2008 Haiti has had to withstand the  
9 devastating effect of natural disasters including  
10 tropical storms, earthquake, and most recently a  
11 hurricane. The most recent destruction has left  
12 Haiti with over \$2 billion dollars in damages and has  
13 prevented hundreds of thousands of its residents from  
14 having access to food, water and shelter. Haiti has  
15 seen entire villages swept away along with a major  
16 corporation that (**INAUDIBLE**) economy. While the  
17 United States of America..

18 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Council Member,  
19 can you bring your comments to a close?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER EUGENE: Thank you very  
21 much. You know that Haiti is facing such critical  
22 difficulties and I'm asking all of my colleagues to  
23 support the Resolution 1090. It is our moral  
24 obligation to do everything that we can do to protect  
25 our Haitian brothers and sisters in Haiti and to

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2 prevent the situation of Haiti to become worse  
3 because Haiti cannot receive an influx of Haitian  
4 people right now. Thank you very much and I thank  
5 you for your support.

6 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you Council  
7 Member. Council Member Menchaca?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Thank you, Madam  
9 Public Advocate. And I stand with my brother Mathieu  
10 Eugene, Council Member of Haitian descent, and as a  
11 sponsor of Res 1290, it seems like the right thing,  
12 yet again, the humane thing to do as lawmakers in  
13 light of Hurricane Matthew to get DHS to grant Haiti  
14 a new designation for TPS in order to provide  
15 Temporary Immigration Relief. The action is needed  
16 now. There are a lot of uncertainties, yes, about  
17 what will come under the new Trump administration,  
18 but we know it's very likely that this battle will  
19 only get harder after January which is why we need to  
20 push hard now and be on record for the City Council  
21 to designate this important, important status. I'd  
22 like to also say that as we stand with our Haitian  
23 brothers and sisters, we will continue to make noise  
24 for them for this TPS status and beyond. Thank you.

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2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.  
3 Council Member Williams?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Thank you. I  
5 just wanted to thank Council Member Eugene for his  
6 leadership on this issue and the Chairperson,  
7 Councilman Menchaca and of course the Speaker and the  
8 Council. This is a very important issue. Together  
9 with Council Member Eugene we represent the largest  
10 amount of Haitian constituents outside of Haiti and  
11 we believe also Florida which makes this particularly  
12 personal for me. We all know what's going on in this  
13 country currently. It shouldn't be something that we  
14 should have to ask for or something that we should be  
15 concerned won't be addressed but we are, and I cannot  
16 tell my constituents not to be worried but I can tell  
17 them that we will do everything that we possibly can  
18 as a city to protect them, and that includes this  
19 Resolution and continued push for the Federal  
20 Government to continue to extend TPS to people of  
21 Haitian descent and from Haiti like they've done so  
22 easily in other countries. Thank you.

23 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: And now all those  
24 in favor say Aye.

25 GROUP: Aye.

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2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: All those opposed?  
3 Any abstentions. The Ayes have it. And now  
4 Resolution 1321, a Resolution affirming that despite  
5 President-Elect Donald Trump's senseless threats, New  
6 York City will remain a sanctuary city for immigrant  
7 residents. Council Member Menchaca?

8 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: I rise yet again  
9 not to repeat my previous statements but I want us to  
10 continue to echo this sentiment in our Resolution for  
11 a sanctuary city beyond the City Council and I really  
12 employ our entire City Council to take this back into  
13 our communities, get our community boards, our PTAs,  
14 our schools to talk about it. This is a proud moment  
15 for the city and we want them to affirm this message.  
16 Advocates and I are going to be joined together at  
17 4:30 today at Trump Tower where we will take this  
18 newly resound affirmed by this Council Resolution  
19 where we will deliver it firsthand. If you have time  
20 to join us, we'd love to have you. If not, just send  
21 your love on messages on social media. Let's get  
22 this Resolution language out today, tomorrow and for  
23 the rest of our challenges in the future. Thank you.

24 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

25 Council Member Williams?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Thank you.

3 Thank you Council Member Menchaca for your words. We  
4 are, as New York City, proud, I believe, to be a  
5 sanctuary city, proud to continue to defend. On a  
6 personal note, one day I was driving the interstate  
7 in one car, my brother was in another. I got pulled  
8 over and I was wondering why my brother would not  
9 wait for the thing to finish. It turned out years  
10 later I learned that he was undocumented and had much  
11 fear of being in an interaction with police officers  
12 that would send him home back to his country of birth  
13 which was Granada, which he really didn't know. And  
14 so that really did hit home. We know that this  
15 country would go nowhere if we didn't have  
16 immigrants, documented or undocumented. It is  
17 extremely important to continue to push back. For  
18 those who are listening at home, I particularly want  
19 to speak to those of Caribbean and African descent to  
20 implore us to join the conversation that our Latino  
21 brothers and sisters have done so well in pushing  
22 forward. This definitely affects us. We need as  
23 much voices as we can. It affects our family. We  
24 know this and I am proudly going to vote Aye on this  
25 Resolution.

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2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you. All of  
3 those in favor of Resolution 1321, all of those in  
4 favor, say Aye.

5 GROUP: Aye.

6 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: All those opposed?  
7 Any abstentions? The Ayes have it. And now to  
8 general discussion between with Council Member Inez  
9 Barron.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Thank you, Madam  
11 Public Advocate. I just want to add my comments to  
12 the Speaker's comments about encouraging what's going  
13 on at Standing Rock, that we have to continue to be  
14 vigilant, the battle is not over. It's a long  
15 battle, but we are committed to be able to raise our  
16 voices with the activists who are there. On this  
17 past Saturday was the second anniversary of the  
18 refusal of the grand jury to indict the officer who  
19 put Eric Garner in a chokehold and killed him.  
20 November 26th was the 10th anniversary of the killing  
21 of Sean Bell, and at that memorial service, his  
22 mother Valerie Bell released her memoirs of her son,  
23 and she entitled the book "Just 23". We are dismayed  
24 and shocked and not surprised to know that Officer  
25 Slayer was not convicted, a hung jury, when we

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2 clearly saw through the video that was taken that  
3 Walter Scott was running away, not a danger, running  
4 away from the officer after a traffic stop and was  
5 shot and killed, shot in the back. So it's  
6 continuing to be a battle that we have to wage to  
7 make sure that as we address the injustices that we,  
8 particularly as black people face, that we're not  
9 discouraged. I had the opportunity to hear Michelle  
10 Alexander speak last week at John Jay College, and  
11 she talked about the historic injustices of the  
12 criminal justice system, and I'm glad that we're  
13 taking our steps here to correct some of those  
14 injustices, but what I just want to say to my  
15 colleagues is we've got to remain vigilant and not be  
16 discouraged. Thank you.

17 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Council Member  
18 Ulrich or I should say the star of the reality show.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Thank you, Madam  
20 Public Advocate. I'm asking for unanimous consent to  
21 vote on all Land Use items and all items on the  
22 General Order calendar.

23 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Yes.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: I vote Aye on all  
3 with the exception of Intro 1261-A and Aye on all  
4 others and Aye on all Resolutions. Thank you.

5 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you. May I  
6 have your autograph? Council Member Kallos?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Today I propose  
8 Introduction 1389, a bill to do something about  
9 nearly 9,000 scaffolds spanning 190 miles of city  
10 sidewalks, some of which have been there for years,  
11 even decades, without repair work being done.  
12 Sidewalk sheds are like the once welcomed houseguest  
13 that never leaves. While we need them for safety  
14 during construction, that construction must happen  
15 immediately and then it's time for the sidewalk sheds  
16 to come down. The bill would give landlords six  
17 months to fix dangerous building conditions and if  
18 they can't or won't, the city needs to step in, do  
19 the work, and make landlords pay. This legislation  
20 is good for business, tenants, tourists, pedestrians  
21 and will improve quality of life for the city. In  
22 addition over the objections of local community  
23 boards and elected officials, developers have been  
24 able to circumvent city zoning laws restricting  
25 building forms, use, height, density and more through



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2 the Board of Standards and Appeals, the BSA. This  
3 little agency mostly known as a rubber stamp for  
4 developers has been criticized for ignoring  
5 objections of community and elected officials,  
6 difficulty in appealing determinations without  
7 written decisions and short timeframes, and  
8 ultimately "rezoning" by variance without public  
9 review. I have introduced a package of five bills,  
10 Introductions 1390 through 1394 with Majority Leader  
11 Jimmy Van Bramer, Minority Leader Steven Matteo,  
12 Zoning Chair Donovan Richards, Council Member Karen  
13 Koslowitz and Council Member Rosie Mendez. I invite  
14 all Council Members, community boards and  
15 neighborhood leaders for a hearing on the BSA and the  
16 Committee on Governmental Operations on a package of  
17 ten bills on December 14th, 2016, 1:00 p.m. right  
18 here at City Hall, the people's house.

19 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

20 Council Member Cornegy?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Thank you, Madam  
22 Public Advocate. There are two pieces of legislation  
23 I'm proudly introducing here today. The first is  
24 Intro 1381, a Local Law that requires the Department  
25 of Correction to ensure that department provided

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2 transportation on Rikers Island does not permit the  
3 intermingling of staff and visitors or recently  
4 released inmates. As a former Assistant Director of  
5 Social Services and as an Assistant Director of  
6 Substance Abuse on Rikers Island, I found it  
7 troubling that the Department of Correction staff was  
8 required to use the same interfacility transportation  
9 services as recently released inmates and visitors.  
10 Not only does this create an opportunity for  
11 violence, it also negatively affects staff morale.  
12 As a Council Member I recently introduced legislation  
13 requiring educational and vocational training for  
14 anyone on Rikers longer than 30 days. It was my goal  
15 to follow that bill with legislation that would  
16 improve morale and safety for staff to show that  
17 they're not forgotten. New York's boldest too often  
18 remain overlooked among as a necessary component of  
19 law enforcement and safety, and I want to ensure that  
20 these people who are fathers and mothers remain safe  
21 and their morale remains high as they perform their  
22 jobs. The second piece of legislation is Intro 1382,  
23 a Local Law that would require the Department of  
24 Small Business Services to report on the workforce  
25 entities under contract with the City to perform

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2 construction work. This report would contain  
3 statistics concerning individuals employed to work on  
4 city funded construction projects based upon  
5 aggregated data from employment reports submitted to  
6 SBS by city contracts. The report would be submitted  
7 to the Mayor and the Speaker of the New York City  
8 Council and would be posted online for public access.  
9 The purpose of this legislation is apparent to insure  
10 that the City of New York is keeping its promise of  
11 transparency by making public the demographics of  
12 developers and those they employ receiving  
13 construction contracts. This bill would require the  
14 City to unveil the percentage of the workforce that  
15 are minorities, the percentage who are union members,  
16 and the percentage that are residents of this city.  
17 At this point, the public doesn't know and deserves  
18 to know that these developers are hiring workforces  
19 that represent a diverse population of our city.

20 Thank you.

21 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

22 Council Member Williams.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Thank you.

24 First, I'd like to put my words on top of Council  
25 Member Barron, just attach my sentiments to hers when

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2 it comes to the anniversary of the non-indictment of  
3 Officer Pentaleo (SP?). I'll be the first to say  
4 that this city has done, I believe, a good job when  
5 it comes to certain aspects of NYPD reform,  
6 particularly some of the practices that have been  
7 going on, and I think the streets have not felt as  
8 much as actually have been done. I think that is  
9 because the two errors that we have done virtually  
10 nothing has to do with transparency and  
11 accountability which I think will be the biggest  
12 indicators of how far we plan to go as well as  
13 opposing bills that will enshrine and compromise some  
14 of the things that we're trying to get done so that  
15 other administrations wouldn't be able to reverse it  
16 are critically important. Walter Scott Lee is no  
17 different than Eric Garner and Officer Slater (SP?)  
18 is no different than Pentaleo. We are not leading  
19 the nation when it comes to accountability and  
20 transparency and we should be doing so. Recently Dr.  
21 Ben Carson was nominated as Secretary of the  
22 Department of Housing and Urban Development. I  
23 believe this is ill-advised, irresponsible and hovers  
24 on absurdity. Dr. Carson has no experience in  
25 government, much less housing, planning. Yes, he

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2 happens to be a black physician. Perhaps they needed  
3 someone black for urban. Otherwise, I cannot  
4 understand why anyone would choose Dr. Carson to be  
5 ahead of HUD, and I think this body needs to be very  
6 concerned and it makes municipalities be that much  
7 more important in pushing forward real affordable  
8 housing. And I would like to, in my last few  
9 seconds, call my colleagues' attention to Bills Intro  
10 1403 and 1404. It has to do with construction  
11 safety. The first one makes cranes be equipped with  
12 anemometers, which are devices that measure wind  
13 speed, and the second is in conjunction with  
14 Manhattan Borough President Gail Brewer, increasing  
15 the minimum and maximum penalties and criminal fines  
16 for immediately hazardous and major violations of  
17 safety site plan, construction code and building  
18 code. I look forward to working with the Speaker and  
19 the Council in hopefully these passed and looking at  
20 construction site safety as a whole. Thank you.

21 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

22 Council Member Gibson?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Thank you very  
24 much, Madam Public Advocate, and to all of my  
25 colleagues and our speaker, just wanted to add my

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2 voice to so many. Obviously there's been so much  
3 conversation post-election that we've had here at the  
4 Council and in our districts, and I wanted to commend  
5 our Speaker and Council Member Menchaca and Lander  
6 and others, particularly around the high level of  
7 overtime costs that have been incurred by the NYPD as  
8 it relates to securing Trump headquarters. We're at  
9 \$35 million and counting, and I want to applaud the  
10 Mayor and the Speaker for joining forces to ask the  
11 Federal Government for a rightfully deserved  
12 reimbursement for us, and we know that number will  
13 continue to grow in the future. So I certainly want  
14 to work with our colleagues and our Speaker to make  
15 sure that we can still have a conversation around  
16 overtime control costs that we talked about during  
17 the last budget. And certainly want to thank the  
18 Speaker for the Resolution and making sure we  
19 reaffirm our commitment. We stand firm on our  
20 values. Our principles have not changed since  
21 Election Day, and we will continue to work together  
22 to fight to protect every New Yorker. I think it's  
23 very alarming in this city that we've had an increase  
24 in hate crimes, most recently with the crime  
25 inflicted upon a Muslim police officer and her son,

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2 so we know that no one is unfortunately not a victim  
3 of a hate crime in this city. So I thank you, Madam  
4 Speaker, for your leadership and pledge to work with  
5 you and others as we continue to fight for what is  
6 right, fight for every New Yorker moving forward to  
7 the new year. Thank you.

8 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you. Council  
9 Member Rose?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Thank you, Madam  
11 Public Advocate. I rise today in support of today's  
12 momentous Fair Work Week legislative package. My  
13 bill Intro 1399 will establish a right for employees  
14 to seek flexible work arrangements and a right to  
15 receive flexible work arrangements in certain  
16 emergency situations involving caretakers and victims  
17 of domestic violence. I initially became involved  
18 with this legislation through my work to broaden the  
19 laws protecting the millions of workers in this city  
20 who care for their children, spouses, domestic  
21 partners, siblings and elderly parents. Having been  
22 in that position myself and knowing how challenging  
23 it is to balance the difficult task of care giving  
24 for an ailing loved one with job duties and  
25 responsibilities, it has been very important to me to

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2 ensure that caregivers are not treated unfairly in  
3 the workplace or put at a disadvantage because of  
4 their care giving status or perception that they are  
5 care givers. So after ensuring that care givers have  
6 discrimination protection and other steps we have  
7 taken recently to address the needs of the ever  
8 growing legion of care givers in this city, the next  
9 logical step to me was to ensure that when a care  
10 giving emergency arises care giving workers have the  
11 ability to adjust their schedules without fear of job  
12 loss or retaliation because life happens, and that is  
13 what Intro 1399 will do as well as provide the same  
14 right to receive to victims of domestic violence and  
15 also gives workers the right to request a flexible  
16 work schedule. I believe with my whole heart that  
17 the hardworking New Yorkers should never be placed in  
18 the position of having to choose between taking care  
19 of a sick parent, child, or spouse and having a job.  
20 That is not good for our families, our communities,  
21 or are economy, and frankly, this legislation is the  
22 right moral thing to do. There are far too many  
23 sponsors and groups who have put many hours into  
24 making this package possible. I want to thank the  
25 Speaker, Council Member Lander, 32BJ, RDSW, A Better



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2 Balance, Annie Decker, and the Deputy Director of  
3 Legislative Drafting. Thank you so much.

4 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.

5 Council Member Gentile?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Thank you, Madam  
7 Public Advocate. Creating unsanitary conditions in  
8 buildings for failure to abate a rat or rodent  
9 infestation is detrimental to our city's health and  
10 hygienic goals and must be properly punished. The  
11 \$300 initial fine for failure to abate rodents was  
12 adopted 13 years ago and has not been increased  
13 since. The goal of this legislation Intro 1386 is to  
14 increase compliance by owners and property managers  
15 in hopes of making our city cleaner and healthier,  
16 and we'll begin to do this by raising the initial  
17 fine from \$300 to \$500. So I thank you and I urge my  
18 colleagues to sign onto Intro 1386. And with the  
19 remaining time I just want to say that the female  
20 police officer and her son who were harassed the  
21 other day because of their religion are members of my  
22 Bay Ridge community, and that type of behavior is not  
23 the Bay Ridge that I know, and indeed throngs and  
24 throngs of people from the Bay Ridge community have  
25 come together to condemn the kind of behavior that

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2 was exhibited against the police officer and her son,  
3 and we will continue to stand together to combat any  
4 types of activity that would arise but it's not the  
5 Bay Ridge that I know. Thank you.

6 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you, Council  
7 Member. Thank you for your leadership. Council  
8 Member Cumbo?

9 COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: Thank you. I rise  
10 to also associate myself with the comments of Council  
11 Member Barron as well as Council Member Williams.  
12 I'm also proud to hear of the work that's happening  
13 in Bay Ridge as Council Member Gentile just brought  
14 forward. Since the election of Donald Trump as  
15 President, our city has seen a 35 percent increase in  
16 hate crimes. In the past week, three Muslim women  
17 have been attacked solely on the basis of their  
18 faith. 45-year-old uniformed MTA worker wearing a  
19 hijab was called a terrorist and told that she should  
20 not be working with the City while on her way to work  
21 in midtown by a male subway rider. She sustained  
22 injuries to her ankle and knee after being pushed  
23 down a flight of stairs. Early Saturday, an off-duty  
24 NYPD traffic cop, Aml Elsokary, was allegedly called  
25 an ISIS and I'll leave the word out and told I will

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2 cut your throat, go back to your country, by a man  
3 who she said she confronted for shoving her 16-year-  
4 old son. And then there was 18-year-old Long Island  
5 resident Yasmin Seweid said three drunk men in their  
6 twenties surrounded her in the 23rd Street Station  
7 last Thursday and called her a terrorist, told her to  
8 go back to her country, ripped off her purse, and  
9 tried to pull her hijab off before she escaped. As  
10 New Yorkers we must continue to stand in opposition  
11 against any attempts to demean our neighbors and  
12 celebrate their contributions to our vibrant  
13 identity. We must lead by example and set the  
14 precedent that all acts of hate are unacceptable and  
15 will not be tolerated. Thank you.

16 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Council Member

17 Lander?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Thank you, Madam

19 Public Advocate. First, I'd like to associate myself  
20 with the remarks of my wonderful colleague Council  
21 Member Cumbo, and I was very proud that about 30  
22 residents of my District went to Grand Central Sunday  
23 with Not In Our City signs to stand up to acts of  
24 hate there, and we just all have a responsibility  
25 every time to call it out, to erase it, to paint it

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2 over, and to stand in solidarity when those acts of  
3 hate, Islamophobia, anti-Semitism, racism, homophobia  
4 take place as we are sadly seeing them increase.

5 Second, I'd like to associate myself with some of the  
6 comments of Council Members Barron and Williams. I  
7 guess we should stop being surprised, but I have to  
8 tell you it's hard not to be surprised when you see  
9 something that looks an awful lot like an execution  
10 and the planting of evidence and you can't even get a  
11 conviction in that case, and finally along with

12 Council Member Rose I would just like to call  
13 everyone's attention to the introduction of six bills  
14 on today's calendar that advance a fair work week for  
15 all workers, four of those bills especially for fast  
16 food workers including an innovative bill that helps  
17 them organize, helps them get a pathway to full time  
18 work, simply helps fast food workers know their  
19 schedules two weeks in advance, provides a right to  
20 request schedule flexibility for all workers  
21 including everybody in this room and protects other  
22 retail workers from on-call scheduling so please take  
23 a look at Intros 1384, 1387, 1388, 1395, 1396, and  
24 1399 as sponsored by Council Members Johnson, Rose,  
25 Ferreras-Copeland and myself. Thank you very much.

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2 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you.  
3 Council Member Levin?

4 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Thank you very  
5 much, Madam Public Advocate. I want to associate  
6 myself with the comments of my colleagues in decrying  
7 and condemning these acts of hate that have happened  
8 over the past week. As Council Member Lander just  
9 said, we need to speak out against it each and every  
10 time. That's what we're doing here today. We're  
11 going to continue to do that. We need to make sure  
12 that the message is loud and clear, that those  
13 actions are cowardly, they're unacceptable, they're  
14 illegal, they're going to be prosecuted, and they  
15 have no place in our city, they have no place in our  
16 country, and anyone that thinks that that is the way  
17 to behave is going to be met with a swift and fierce  
18 condemnation from this legislative body, the duly  
19 elected legislative body of the City of New York, and  
20 we need to continue to make that message loud and  
21 clear, not here, not in our city, not in our country.  
22 Thank you very much, Madam Public Advocate.

23 PUBLIC ADVOCATE JAMES: Thank you. And  
24 the amended vote today is all items on today's  
25 General Order were adopted by a vote of 42 in the

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2 affirmative, zero negative, and zero abstentions with  
3 the exception of Intro 1261-A which was adopted by a  
4 vote of 38 in the affirmative, four negative, and  
5 zero abstentions, and Intro 1262-A which was adopted  
6 by a vote of 40 in the affirmative and two negative.  
7 My final thoughts again, may Officer Bryan rest in  
8 peace. She was allegedly shot by her ex-boyfriend as  
9 well as Ms. Rampasan (SP?), again, a Queens woman who  
10 was unfortunately stabbed to death by her husband.  
11 This is all about domestic violence. It's really  
12 critically important that we continue to raise the  
13 awareness of domestic violence in the City of New  
14 York. May these two women rest in peace. And now  
15 closing remarks by our Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito.

16 SPEAKER MARK-VIVERITO: Thank you, Madam  
17 Public Advocate. Thank you to all my colleagues and  
18 see you the next session. We're adjourned.

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World Wide Dictation certifies that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings. We further certify that there is no relation to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, and that there is interest in the outcome of this matter.



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